

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on March 9, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Roy Brown (R)
Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 227, SB 127, SB 169, SB 67,
SB 319,, 3/3/1999
Executive Action: SB 127, SB 227, SB 67, SB 108,
SB 169, SB 189

HEARING ON SB 227

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Hertel introduced SB 227
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 52}

Proponents' Testimony: Mike Strand, MT Ind. Telephone Co.
EXHIBIT (buh53a01)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 52 - 64}

Nancy McCaffrey, PSC

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 64 - 70}

Jeff Pyfer, MT Tele Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 70 - 87}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Hertel closed.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 87 - 106}

HEARING ON SB 127

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Waterman introduced SB 127
{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 106 - 120}

Proponents' Testimony: Neal Peterson, Liquor Lic, Dept of
Revenue **EXHIBIT** (buh53a02)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 120 - 175}

Kati Kentyl, Montana Tavern Assn

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 175 - 181}

Rich Miller, Gaming Ind.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 181 - 191}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Waterman closed.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 191 - 213}

HEARING ON SB 272

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen Coccharella introduced SB 272
EXHIBIT (buh53a03)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 213 - 324}

Proponents' Testimony: Jerry Driscoll, MT Trades and machine
Operators

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 324 - 379}

Dick Byrd, Billings Dist.

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 379 - 388}

Opponents' Testimony: Jim Oppedal, Gaming Div, Dept of Justice
EXHIBIT (buh53a04)

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 388 - 500}

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 47}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Rep. Bookout,
Pavlovich, Ewer and Simon questioned witnesses.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 47 - 226}

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Coccharelli closed.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 226 - 284}

HEARING ON SB 169

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Taylor introduced SB 169
EXHIBIT (buh53a05)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 284 - 328}

Proponents' Testimony: Gary Morehouse, MT Dept of Commerce

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 328 - 336}

John Markey, Glacier Venture Fund

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 336 - 362}

Informational Testimony: Jo Alice Mospan, SBA

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 362 - 392}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Rep Ewer
questions witnesses

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 392 - 449}

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Taylor closed.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 449 - 500}

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 45}

HEARING ON SB 67

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Mahlum introduced SB 67.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 45 - 64}

Proponents' Testimony: David Aronowski, Univ of MT

EXHIBIT (buh53a06)

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 64 - 152}

LeRoy Schramm, MSU

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 152 - 173}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Ewer, Squires, Simon, Tuss and Pavlovich questions witnesses.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 173 - 415}

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Mahlum closed.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 415 - 462}

HEARING ON SB 319

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Sen. Holden introduced SB 319.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 462 - 500}

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 72}

Proponents' Testimony: Roger McGlen, Ind. Insurance Agents of MT

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 72 - 116}

Jacqueline Lenmark, Am. Ins. Assn

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 116 - 182}

Rick Cochrane, Ins Agents of Helena

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 182 - 202}

Greg Van Horrsen. State Farm Ins.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 202 - 216}

Jon Metropolis, Farmers Ins. Agents

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 216 - 249}

Opponents' Testimony: Frank Cote, State Auditor Office

EXHIBIT (buh53a07)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 249 - 311}

Rebecca Moe, MT womens lobby.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 311 - 342}

Christine Kaufman, Human Rights Network

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 342 - 399}

Wendy Young, WEEL

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 399 - 422}

Kate Choleva,

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 422 - 464}

Al Smith, MT Trial Lawyers **EXHIBIT** (buh53a08)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 464 - 500}

Glenda Tinsley, Am. Assn of Universities

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 49}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Rep. Pavlovich, Masolo, Krenzler, Stovall, Lawson, Tuss and Simon question witnesses.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 49 - 312}

Closing by Sponsor: Sen. Holden closed.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 312 - 325}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 127

Motion/Vote: REP. PAVLOVICH moved that SB 127 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 325 - 386}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 227

Motion/Vote: REP. BITNEY moved that SB 227 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 386 - 400}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 67

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS moved that SB 67 BE CONCURRED IN. Motion failed 4-13 with Pavlovich, Squires, Stovall, and Trexler voting aye.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 400 - 500}

Motion/Vote: REP. KRENZLER moved that SB 67 BE TABLED. Motion carried 13-4 with Pavlovich, Squires, Stovall, and Trexler voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 69}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 108

Motion: REP. PAVLOVICH moved that SB 108 BE CONCURRED IN.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 69 - 149}

Motion: REP. TUSS moved that SB 108 BE AMENDED.

Substitute Motion/Vote: REP. PAVLOVICH made a substitute motion that SB 108 BE AMENDED. Substitute motion carried 17-1 with Tuss voting no.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 149 - 202}

Motion/Vote: REP. TUSS moved that SB 108 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 202 - 233}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 169

Motion: REP. MASOLO moved that SB 169 BE CONCURRED IN. Masolo withdrew motion.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 233 - 241}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 189

Motion: REP. TREXLER moved that SB 189 BE CONCURRED IN.

Motion/Vote: REP. TREXLER moved that SB 189 BE AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 241 - 270}

Motion/Vote: REP. TREXLER moved that SB 189 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 270 - 330}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 272

Motion: REP. PAVLOVICH moved that SB 272 BE CONCURRED IN. Pavlovich withdrew motion.

{Tape : 3; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 330 - 400}

EXHIBIT (buh53a09)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:55 A.M.

REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (buh53aad)